



Stretch your boundaries with a lively combination of colorful beads. Be daring, and pair colors you wouldn't normally use with others you're more comfortable with.

Viva Carmen Miranda!

Playful shapes and colors unite in a festive necklace-and-earring set

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It's time to party when you wear the exciting tropical colors favored by the queen of Brazilian samba. Notice how the soothing influence of blue and rose balances the sizzle of mango, fuchsia, and lime. Use the bead colors and patterns shown here, or design a color palette of your own. Making substitutions is half the fun!

stepbystep

Necklace

Dangles

The more dangles you make, the fuller the piece will be. This necklace uses 36 dangles.

[1] To make the necklace dangles, string each of the

following combinations on stainless steel head pins.

- a 6mm teal pearl and five 11° seed beads (**photo a**) (make 24)
- a 10mm mango pearl (**photo b**) (make six)
- a paddle bead (**photo c**) (make six)

[2] Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 128) above each dangle. Trim the excess wire.

Focal piece

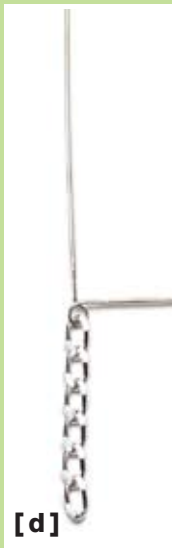
[1] Make the first half of a wrapped loop at one end of the 4-in. (10cm) wire.

[2] Cut a six-link piece of





[c]



[d]



[e]



[f]



[g]



[h]



[i]



[j]

3mm chain. Slide the end link into the wrapped loop (**photo d**). Finish the wraps, and trim the excess wire.

[3] String the following combinations on a sterling silver head pin (**photo e**):

- a 3mm orange fire-polished bead, an 11°, and a 3mm orange bead
- a 3mm orange bead and an 8mm rose pearl
- a 6mm olivine bicone crystal and a 5mm fuchsia pearl
- a 10mm mango pearl
- a 6mm teal pearl, two 11°, and an 8mm blue rondelle
- a 4mm sun bicone and an 8mm fuchsia round crystal
- an 11°, a 6mm teal pearl, and two 11°s
- a 6mm fire-opal round crystal and a 4mm fuchsia bicone

[4] Make the first half of a wrapped loop above each dangle.

[5] To make a dagger bead dangle, cut the head off a head pin. Slide a dagger one-third of the way onto the wire. Cross the wire ends above the bead (**photo f**).

Bend both ends straight up where they cross, then make the first half of a wrapped loop with the longer wire (**photo g**) (make three).

[6] Attach one dangle to the bottom chain link and finish the wrapped loop.

[7] Attach a dangle to each side of the remaining five links (**photo h**). Finish the wrapped loops, and trim any excess wire.

[8] Use chainnose pliers to gently squeeze the top chain link and the wrapped loop above it into a narrow oval.

[9] String the focal bead over the wire and the squeezed chain link. String a 6mm

olivine bicone and a 4mm fuchsia bicone, and make a wrapped loop (**photo i**).

Necklace assembly

[1] Cut a 22-in. (56cm) piece of beading wire, and center the focal piece on it.

[2] On one side, string a 5mm fuchsia pearl, an 8mm blue rondelle, two teal dangles, a 6mm teal pearl, a 5mm fuchsia pearl, a paddle dangle, a 5mm fuchsia pearl, a 6mm fire-opal round crystal, a teal dangle, a 10mm chalcedony rondelle, a teal dangle, a 3mm orange bead, a dagger, a mango dangle, and a dagger (**photo j**).

[3] String a 3mm orange bead, a teal dangle, an 8mm blue rondelle, a teal dangle, a 6mm teal pearl, a 5mm fuchsia pearl, a paddle

dangle, a 5mm fuchsia pearl, a 6mm fire-opal round crystal, a teal dangle, a 10mm chalcedony rondelle, a teal dangle, a 3mm orange bead, a dagger, a mango dangle, and a dagger (**photo k**). Repeat. **[4]** String a 3mm orange bead, an 8mm blue rondelle, a 6mm teal pearl, two daggers, a 10mm mango pearl, a 4mm turquoise bead, a 10mm chalcedony rondelle, a 4mm olivine bicone, an 8mm blue rondelle, two 5mm fuchsia pearls, and a 4mm olivine bicone (**photo l**).

[5] String a crimp bead, a 4mm turquoise bead, and one end link of the 5mm chain. Go back through the last three beads (**photo m**).

[6] Repeat steps 2–5 on the other end, substituting the clasp for the 5mm chain in step 5.



[k]



[l]



[m]



[n]



[o]



[p]

MATERIALS

both projects

- chainnose pliers
- roundnose pliers
- wire cutters

necklace 16 in. (41cm) with 2-in. (5cm) extension

- 22mm focal bead (Libby Leuchtman, sorellabeads.com)
- 8 10mm chalcedony rondelles, pink
- 6 10 x 20mm glass paddle beads, green
- pearls
 - 9–10 10mm faceted round, mango
 - 8mm round, rose
 - 34 6mm round, teal
 - 19 5mm top-drilled drops, fuchsia
- Swarovski crystals
 - 8mm round, fuchsia
 - 7 6mm round, fire-opal
 - 2–3 6mm bicone, olivine
 - 4 4mm bicone, olivine
 - 3–4 4mm bicone, fuchsia
 - 4mm bicone, sun
- 11–12 8mm glass rondelles, blue
- 19 6 x 15mm glass dagger beads, lime green
- 4 4mm glass beads, turquoise
- 15 3mm fire-polished beads, orange
- 5g size 11° seed beads, lime

- clasp
- 4 in. (10cm) 22-gauge sterling silver wire
- 2 in. (5cm) sterling silver chain, 5mm links
- 1 in. (2.5cm) sterling silver chain, 3mm links
- 36 2-in. stainless steel head pins
- 13 2-in. 24-gauge sterling silver head pins
- 2 crimp beads
- flexible beading wire, .019
- crimping pliers

earrings

- 2 10mm faceted fiber-optic coin beads, lime green
- pearls
 - 2 10mm faceted round, mango
 - 2 8mm round, rose
 - 6 6mm round, teal
- Swarovski crystals
 - 2 8mm bicone, fuchsia
 - 2 4mm bicone, fuchsia
 - 2 4mm bicone, olivine
 - 2 4mm bicone, sun
- 2 8mm glass rondelles, blue
- 2 8mm glass rondelles, green
- 12 size 11° seed beads, lime
- 2 in. sterling silver chain, 5mm links
- 14 2-in. 24-gauge sterling silver head pins
- pair of earring wires

[7] Test the fit, and add or remove beads as necessary.

[8] To make the optional two dangles for the chain extender, string a 10mm mango pearl and a 4mm fuchsia bicone on a sterling silver head pin. String a 6mm olivine bicone and an 8mm blue rondelle on another sterling silver head pin. Attach the dangles to the last chain link with wrapped loops (photo n).

Earrings

[1] Cut a four-link piece of 5mm chain.

[2] To make the seven dangles, string each of the following combinations on a sterling silver head pin:

- a 6mm teal pearl, two 11° seed beads, an 8mm blue rondelle, and two 11°s
- a 6mm teal pearl and two 11°s
- a 10mm mango pearl
- a 4mm sun bicone crystal and an 8mm fuchsia bicone
- an 8mm green rondelle

and a 6mm teal pearl

- an 8mm rose pearl and a 4mm olivine bicone
- a 4mm fuchsia bicone

and a 10mm faceted fiber-optic coin

[3] Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics) above each dangle.

[4] Slide the loop of the blue rondelle unit into the end chain link. Finish the wraps.

[5] Attach a dangle to each side of the remaining three chain links with wrapped loops (photo o).

[6] Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics), and attach the chain (photo p). Close the loop.

[7] Make a second earring to match the first. ●

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